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What Students Missed Over The Summer

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Students flooding campus for the start of fall 2006 classes aren't returning to the same old BYU: Campus has undergone some major changes over the summer.

New VP appointed

May 2, 2006 - President Cecil O. Samuelson appointed Brian K. Evans as administrative vice president of Brigham Young University. Evans replaced Brad W. Farnsworth, who is currently serving as mission president over the Spain Madrid Mission. Evans is a BYU graduate and has served as the university's chief financial officer since 2003.

BusinessWeek ranks BYU management program

May 5, 2006 - BusinessWeek named BYU's management program recruiters' No. 1 choice. Overall, BYU's program ranked No. 8 in the nation, above Ivy League programs at Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania.

Men's track claims MWC title

May 15, 2006 - Men's track took home the Mountain West Conference championship.

Marriott Center undergoes repairs

May 23, 2006 - The 35-year-old Marriott Center got a new floor, a new roof and improved video and lighting systems this summer. The center's spring-based basketball floor was replaced with a floor with a concrete slab base. Upgrades to video, sound and lighting at the stadium will improve broadcast quality.

BYU and Centennial Apartments to conduct housing study

May 22, 2006 - BYU housing announced a pilot study beginning Fall Semester 2006 bringing the benefits of dorm-living to off-campus housing. The Centennial Apartments complex is teaming up with BYU housing on the study. Only current BYU students will be allowed to move into the apartment complex, which will enforce living standards similar to the dorms.

BYU Alumni House demolished

May 31, 2006 - The 44-year-old BYU Alumni House at the top of the hill on West Campus Drive was torn down in May to make room for the new Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center. Materials

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from the demolished building were recycled as part of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program, which strives to make buildings more energy efficient and environmentally friendly.

BYU makes 'commuter friendly' list

June 2, 2006 - BYU was included on the 2006 Best Workplaces for Commuters list compiled by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. The institution was recognized for reducing traffic and auto emissions by providing bike parking and reduced priced UTA bus passes.

BYU hosts Special Olympics Summer Games

June 8, 2006 - More than 1,000 athletes and 300 coaches gathered to BYU campus for the Utah Summer Olympic Games. Athletes competed in a wide range of events from softball to wheelchair track events.

BYU instructor asked not to return to Y

June 15, 2006 - Jeffrey Nielson, a part-time philosophy instructor was asked not to return to his job at BYU after writing an opinion piece for The Salt Lake Tribune opposing the institution of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Nielson wrote in public opposition to the position of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on the subject.

Ground breaking for alumni house

June 23, 2006 - President Hinckley, helped out by his five children, dug out the first few scoops of dirt to mark the start of construction on the new Gordon B. Hinckley Alumni & Visitors Center June 23 at a ground breaking ceremony to honor the prophet. Although President Hinckley never attended BYU, he has served on the board of trustees since 1961. The building commemorates President Hinckley's contribution to the development of BYU and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

President Hinckley celebrates 96th birthday at BYU

June 23, 2006 - President Hinckley celebrated his 96th birthday in the WSC June 23, with cake, candles, Rogers and Hammerstein music and speeches by people close to him.

Two Deseret Towers to be leveled

June 30, 2006 - Two of the buildings in the Deseret Towers housing complex are due for demolition. V-Hall and W-Hall won't be opening for students to move in fall 2006 because of high building maintenance costs. BYU eventually plans to raze all seven buildings in the Deseret Towers complex.

Eyring Science Center dome replaced

June 30, 2006 - The 70-year-old steel dome protecting the telescope at the top of the Eyring Science Center was replaced. The new dome will make it possible for seniors studying astronomy to do research on campus.

Creamery on Ninth wins award

July 11, 2006 - The Provo Neighborhood Program awarded the BYU Creamery, known for its premium ice cream, with the "Good Neighbor Award" for its contributions to the quality of life in Provo.

Folk Dance Celebrates 50th

July 20, 2006 - The BYU International Folk Dance Ensemble celebrated its 50-year anniversary with a reunion for its alumni. Current folk dancers and former folk dancers clogged and skipped through a

week of workshops, parties, and performances.

Family History Conference at BYU

August 1, 2006 - BYU hosted to 38th annual Family History and Genealogy Conference. The conference was themed "Strengthening Ties That Bind Families Together Forever" and was geared toward helping people to learn how to use the tools to do genealogy more effectively.

BYU hosts women's football clinic

August 3, 2006 - Women gathered on BYU campus to learn the basics of football and take a tour of the football facilities on campus.

Education Week at BYU

August 14, 2006 - Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints from all over the country flocked to BYU campus at the beginning of August to "Seek Learning," this year's theme for education week, based on D&C 88:118. Participants enjoyed a diverse selection of classes from earthquakes to finance. Elder Dieter F. Uchtdorf spoke at a devotional as part of Education Week.



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